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Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
(8-18 December 1997)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FOURTEENTH SESSION

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 8 December 1997

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Draft amendments to the Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

   (a) Tanks (Part 3, Chapters 4.2 and 6.6)

   (b) Use of packagings and IBCs (Parts 1, 3 and Chapter 4.1)

   (c) Other packaging and IBC matters (Chapters 6.1 to 6.5)

   (d) Other draft amendments (to be considered in the order of parts and chapters) (except Class 7 related amendments)

3. Incorporation of provisions concerning radioactive material in the Model Regulations

4. Global harmonization of systems of classification and labelling of chemicals

   (a) General

   (b) Physical hazards

   (c) Health hazards

   (d) Hazards to the environment

   (e) Labelling

   (f) Other matters

5. Relations with other organizations

6. Other business

7. Adoption of the report

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Note 1: At its nineteenth session, the Committee of Experts elected M. S. Benassai (Italy) and Mr. F. Wybenga (United States of America) respectively Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the 1997-1998 biennium (ST/SG/AC.10/23, para. 166).

Note 2: The deadline for submission of proposals is 26 September 1997. Documents must be received at the latest on that date in paper form or electronic diskette form (or via E.mail services). The quality of fax transmission is not suitable for reproduction; therefore documents received by 26 September in the form of fax messages only will not be considered as documents received in due time.

Note 3: For planning purposes, authors of proposals are invited to inform the secretariat at the latest by 11-12 September 1997 of the number of documents they intend to submit and the expected number of pages for each document.

Note 4: A working group on the transport of low critical temperature gases in tanks will be convened in parallel on Monday 8 December in the afternoon after discussion of item 3(a) in plenary session. The working group will continue working in parallel during the first week as necessary and will report back to the Plenary.

Note 5: Submissions should be concise and as short as possible; they should include a justification. The number of proposals in a single document should be limited; they should all relate to the same subject under one agenda item.

Note 6: The morning and afternoon sessions on 15 and 16 December will be reserved for the working group on the harmonization of classification criteria (physical hazards). This group is convened in the context of global harmonization of classification of criteria, cooperation with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Inter-Organization Programme on Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC) and follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED). Therefore this group should be composed of experts familiar with transport legislation and other relevant legislations (work safety, environment, consumer protection).

Note 7: An annotated agenda will be circulated at a later stage on the basis of proposals received by 26 September 1997.

Note 8: The following documents were carried forward to the next session:

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/7, -/C.3/1997/10, -/C.3/1997/19, -/C.3/1997/27, -/C.3/1997/36, -/C.3/1997/37, -/C.3/1997/43;
ST/SG/AC.10//C.3/R.613/Rev.1, -/C.3/R.635, -/C.3/R.661, -/C.3/R.664, -/C.3/R.707, -/C.3/R.708, -/C.3/R.764;
ST/SG/AC.10/R.473, -/R.507, -/R.509 and -/R.532.

For reasons of economy, delegations are invited to keep their own copy and to bring them to the meeting.

Note 9: A provisional timetable is reproduced overleaf.

Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Fourteenth session)
Provisional Timetable

Monday 8 December		Tuesday 9 December		Wednesday 10 December		Thursday 11 December		Friday 12 December		Monday 15 December		Tuesday 16 December		Wednesday 17 December		Thursday 18 December	
am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm
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1, 2(a), 2(b)		2 (b)		2 (b), 2 (c)		2 (c), 2 (d)		2 (d), 3, 2 (a)		4 (a), 4 (b)		4 (b)		4 (a), 4(c) to 4 (f), 5, 6		7	
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FOURTEENTH SESSION

Addendum 1

List of documents and annotations

Changes in the provision of meeting room services

By decision of the Director of UNOG Conference Services Division dated 26 February 1996 the following measures are being implemented as of that date at the United Nations Office in Geneva :

"As part of the Secretariat's effort to reduce expenditures, some changes will be made in the provision of services in meeting rooms. Beginning this week, only documents containing draft proposals which require action will be circulated in the rooms. As for pre-session or reference documents delegations are kindly requested to bring copies received at the Permanent and Observer Missions and keep them throughout the session. In addition, pencils and paper will no longer be provided in meeting rooms."

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1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/27 and -/Add.1 (Secretariat)	Provisional Agenda and list of documents
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/27 (Secretariat)	Provisional timetable
Background documents (Secretariat):	
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/26 and -/Add.1 to -/Add.3	Report of the Sub-Committee on its thirteenth session

2. DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL REGULATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

(a) Tanks (Part 3, Chapters 4.2 and 6.6)

Background documents

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/7 (EPTA/TCA)	Tanks (Part 3, Chapter 4.2 and 6.6), Coding of portable tanks, Use of tank strings and/or tank types
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/10 (Germany)	Additional marking of Tanks
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/36 (Spain)	Use of frangible disks

New documents

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/50 (EIGA)	Provisions for gases with critical temperatures below 65 °C
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/60 (Germany)	Additional marking of Tanks
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/88 (United States of America)	Tank coding

(b) Use of packagings and IBCs (Parts 1, 3 and Chapter 4.1)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/52 (United Kingdom/ United States of America)	Packing Instructions
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/56 (Germany)	Use of packagings and IBCs
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/62 (United Kingdom)	Chapter 4.1

(c) Other packaging and IBCs matters (Chapters 6.1 to 6.5)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/78 (New Zealand)	Inclusion of test temperature in the packaging designation code
ST/SG7AC.10/C.3/1997/79 (Germany)	Leakproofness tests for aerosols and small receptacles for gas

2. **DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL REGULATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

(c) **Other packaging and IBC matters (cont'd)**

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/82 (Canada)	Test requirements for packaging
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/84 (United States of America)	Testing requirements for infectious substances packaging
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/85 (France)	Large packagings

(d) **Other draft amendments (to be considered in order of parts and Chapters) (except Class 7 related amendments)**

Background document

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/23 (United States of America)	Reclassification of UN 2054 - Morpholine

New documents

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/47 (Belgium)	Introduction of UN entries in Class 3 for desensitized nitroglycerine mixtures
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/48 (CEPE)	Proposal to amend an entry in Chapter 3.2
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/51 (United States of America)	Nitrocellulose membrane filters (UN 3270)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/53 (Japan)	Amendment to paragraph 2.5.3.2.4 List of currently assigned organic peroxide
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/57 (CEPE)	Proposal to amend Chapter 3.4
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/58 (CEPE)	Proposal to amend Chapter 5.4 Documentation
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/61 (United Kingdom)	Damaged packagings
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/63 (CEFIC)	Additional screening procedures
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/72 (New Zealand)	Formation of a new division 4.4 for desensitised explosives
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/81 (United States of America)	Toxicity inhalation substances
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/83 (United States of America)	Lithium batteries
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/89 (United States of America)	Segregation of dangerous goods
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/90 (Germany)	Copper sulphate and copper sulphate solution

3. INCORPORATION OF PROVISIONS CONCERNING RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL IN THE MODEL REGULATIONS

Background document

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/33 (IAEA)

New document

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/66 (United States of America)	Provisions concerning radioactive material

4. GLOBAL HARMONIZATION OF SYSTEMS OF CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS

(a) General

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/68 (New Zealand)	New Zealand's position on the globally harmonized chemical classification scheme

(b) Physical hazards

Explosive properties

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/54 (Sweden)	Joint ILO/UN WG on harmonized classification
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/55 (Germany)	Definition of pyrotechnic articles
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/65 (CEFIC)	Organic peroxides: explosive properties
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/77 (New Zealand)	Addition of a classification pathway identifier to the proper shipping name for explosives
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/87 (New Zealand)	Test for explosive decomposition of reactive substances due to contamination

Organic peroxides

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/49 (Sweden)	Burning tests for organic peroxide storage classification
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/67 (New Zealand)	Addition of a classification pathway identifier to the proper shipping name of organic peroxide
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/69 (New Zealand)	Cut off (threshold) value for Organic peroxides

Flammability

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/59 (CEPE)	Definition and criteria for flammable liquids

Self-heating

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/86 (New Zealand)	Threshold for self-heating substances

4. GLOBAL HARMONIZATION OF SYSTEMS OF CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS

(b) Physical hazards (cont'd)

Testing conditions

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/64 (United Kingdom)	Testing conditions for solids
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/73 (New Zealand)	Test particle size for Oxidizing Solids
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/74 (New Zealand)	Test particle size for Division 4.1
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/75 (New Zealand)	Test particle size for solids of Division 4.2
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/76 (New Zealand)	Test particle size for solids of Division 4.3

Solutions

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/70 (New Zealand)	Solutions for oxidizing solids not being liquid oxidizers
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/71 (New Zealand)	Solutions of flammable solids and self-reactive substances which do not meet the classification criteria of Class 4 substances

Aerosols

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/27	Note by the Chairman of the Working Group
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.764 (United Kingdom)	
ST/SG/AC.10/R.509 (Germany)	
ST/SG/AC.10/R.532 (Norway)	
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/37 (United Kingdom)	
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/43 (European Commission)	
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/80 (Norway)	

(c) Health hazards

No document has been submitted.

4. GLOBAL HARMONIZATION OF SYSTEMS OF CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS

(d) Hazards to the environment

Background documents

ST/SG/AC.10/R.473 (Germany)	Criteria for environmentally hazardous substances
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.635 (Secretariat)	Report of the informal working group on environmentally hazardous substances
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.661 (Argentina)	Criteria for environmentally hazardous substances (comments on ST/SG/AC.10/R.473)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.664 (United Kingdom)	Environmentally hazardous substances
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.707 (Argentina)	Environmentally hazardous substances (comments on ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.664)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.708 (Netherlands)	Harmonized criteria for environmentally hazardous substances

(e) Labelling

No document has been submitted.

(f) Other matters

No document has been submitted.

5. RELATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

No document has been submitted.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/46 (Secretariat)	Thirteenth International Symposium on the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Sea and Inland Waterways (ISTDG 13)

7. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT